

## Memorandum

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Ref: **FINANCIAL ALLOCATION ADJUSTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-06 LOCAL ASSISTANCE LUMP SUM ALLOCATION RESOLUTION FM-05-04, AMENDING RESOLUTION FM-04-06**

### **SUMMARY:**

In May 2005, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) passed Resolution FM-04-06, allocating \$498 million for the Local Assistance Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2005-06. The initial allocation request was for \$996 million. The Commission reduced the initial allocation request of \$996 million by 50%, pending the final report for FY 2004-05 and prior year allocation expenditures.

In July 2005, the Legislature approved an increase of \$2 million for the Freeway Service Patrol category funds under Budget Item 2660-102-0042(1), now increased from \$114 million to \$116 million. This increase was not included in the initial allocation approved by the Commission in May 2005.

In September 2005, the Department of Transportation (Department) presented the final status lump sum allocation report for FY 2004-05. The report included a three-year allocation comparison by category, as requested by the Commission. The three year allocation report provided at the September 2005 Commission meeting indicated that the Department consistently uses all funds allocated by the Commission within three years from the original allocation.

The proposed allocations by category have been adjusted to reflect funding from the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) signed into law by President Bush on August 10, 2005. The new federal act established new federal programs which include: Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) formerly titled the Hazard Elimination and Safety Program (HES); High Risk Rural Roads Program (HRRR); and a federally funded Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS).

In February 2006, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed by stakeholders that included the Department, Commission staff, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs),

Regional Transportation Agencies (RTPAs), cities, and counties. The MOU establishes an agreement to fund the SRTS program for the current fiscal year consistent with prior year funding formula and includes State and Federal funding.

As of January 31, 2006, local agencies have used 36 percent (including Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Transfers) of the \$498 million allocation received by the Department in May 2005. Consistent with prior year expenditure trends and delivery, the Department anticipates 100% delivery and requests the balance of \$498 million and the \$2 million increase for the Freeway Service Patrol category.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Local Assistance Program administers the local assistance subvention budget under authority of the Commission. Each year, the Department requests an annual lump sum allocation for these funds consistent with the Budget Act. This allocation is revisited upon enactment of the federal fiscal appropriation act and the passage of the new Federal Transportation Act to ensure consistency in funding levels.

The Department will be working with Commission staff to revise the Lump Sum allocation request and quarterly reports on a Federal Fiscal Year basis for FY 2006-07.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department recommends the following Resolution be approved.

**FINANCIAL RESOLUTION:**

Resolved, that \$498,286,000 be allocated from the 2005 Budget Act, Local Assistance Item 2660-102-0890 (1) and \$2,000,000 from the 2005 Budget Act, Local Assistance Item 2660-102-0042(1).

**SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS:**

Approval of the remaining allocation will provide the necessary subvention funds, for the delivery of individual local assistance transportation projects. In addition, the approval of this request brings the total funds available for allocation to a level commensurate with the budget authority levels for local transportation projects for FY 2005-06.

**ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR LOCAL ASSISTANCE 2005-06 FISCAL YEAR**

Dollars in Thousands

	State	Revised State	Federal	Revised Federal	Total
<b><u>2660-102-0042(1)</u></b>					
Surface Transportation Program					
(STP) State Match and Exchange	\$ <del>51,250</del>	\$ 51,250			\$51,250
Seismic Bridge Retrofit State Match	0	0			0
Bridge Inspection and Scour Evaluation					
State Match	<del>735</del>	735			735
Railroad Grade Separation	<del>15,000</del>	15,000			15,000
Railroad Grade Crossing Maintenance	<del>1,000</del>	1,000			1,000
Misc. Unassigned Local Programs	<del>3,000</del>	3,000			3,000
Transportation Enhancement Activities					
Exchange	<del>2,000</del>	2,000			2,000
Safe Routes to School	<del>23,000</del>	23,000			23,000
STIP Freeway Service Patrol	<del>18,079</del>	20,079			20,079
Subtotal	<del>\$114,064</del>	\$116,064			\$116,064
<b><u>2660-105-0046</u></b>					
Bay Area Ferry Operations Program	\$ <del>2,908</del>	\$ 2,908			\$ 2,908
<b><u>2660-102-0890(1)</u></b>					
Surface Transportation Program (STP)			\$144,697	\$310,600	\$310,600
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality			<del>149,214</del>	333,608	333,608
(CMAQ)					
Seismic Bridge Retrofit			<del>23,368</del>	53,905	53,905
Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement			<del>53,860</del>	127,311	127,311
Bridge Inspection and Scour Evaluation			<del>748</del>	1,725	1,725
Railroad Grade Crossing Program			<del>4,363</del>	10,911	10,911
Highway Safety Improvement Program			<del>4,363</del>	18,549	18,549
(HSIP) / formerly Hazard Elimination and					
Safety (HES)					
High Risk Rural Roads Program (HRRR)			0	7,021	7,021
Safe Routes to School (SRTS)			0	14,353	14,353
Misc. Unassigned Local Programs			<del>701</del>	1,616	1,616
Subtotal			<del>\$381,314</del>	\$879,600	\$879,600
<b>Total Local Programs</b>	<del>\$116,972</del>	\$118,972	<del>\$381,314</del>	\$879,600	\$998,572